



History Topic:

How did the Victorian period change Skegby?

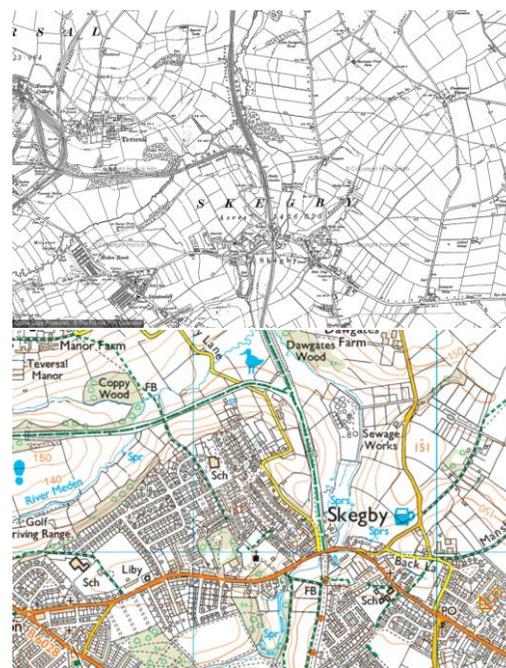
Year 3 & 4

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Background understanding for teachers and parents

The huge increase in the population of Skegby from 805 people in 1869 to over 3,000 people in 1884, meant that new housing was needed in the immediate area. The increase in people was all due to the jobs available in the mines all over the area. The population of Stanton Hill and Skegby continued to rise, and it became very cosmopolitan. However, because of the sudden influx of new people this caused tension and people started to fight over resources especially essentials, such as water.

Maps of Skegby



Key vocabulary

Mine	An excavation in the earth to extract something e.g. Coal
Coal	A grey-black material which can be burnt and used as fuel.
Colliery	A coal mine and the buildings and equipment associated with it.
Coal Face Miners	People who would dig the coal out of the ground.
Lamp room workers	These men would fill and clean the lamps ready for the next person to use.
Coal pickers	These men would take the coal that the miners had dug and load it onto mine carts to be taken to the surface
Davy Lamp	A lamp designed to keep miners safe from explosions from gases.
Victorian period	A time when Queen Victoria was on the throne of England between 1837 and 1901.

Timeline of key events

1815	Davy lamp was invented
1867	Teversal Colliery opened - started production in 1869.
1869	Population of Skegby/Stanton Hill was 805
1874	Sutton Colliery opened
1875	Silver Hill Colliery opened.
1877	132 houses built by the mining company, becoming Cooperative Street, Institute Street and Cross Row
1884	Population of Skegby/Stanton Hill was over 3,000
1899	Stanton Hill infant school opened.
1901	Skegby Railway station opened.
1966	Stanton Hill infant school closed.
1968	Skegby Railway station closed.
1980	Teversal Colliery closed.
1989	Sutton Colliery closed.
1992	Silver Hill Colliery closed.
2004	'Testing for Gas' commemorative statue placed on the Teversal Trails.

